

his distinct, lofty and powerful personality. Wherever his doctrine spread it worked a revolution in Indian thought.

His doctrine that all the "religions" were freed from the restrictions of caste could not be otherwise than popular.

He made religion to consist in *duty* not *rites*, and limited duty to mercy toward all living things. He abolished the slaughter of animals.

The timeliness of his teaching is thus very apparent; hence it spread rapidly, and seemed likely to prevail over Brahminism.

But the following causes, according to several writers prevailed against it: (1.) It was over-whelmed by its rapid growth. (2.) Brahminism, either from principle or policy incorporated into its teachings most of the principles of Buddhism.

In the struggle which followed between the two religions, the Brahmins retained their position and Buddhism was in time driven from the coil.

It is worthy of notice that the Hinduism which grew up after Buddhism was driven out was widely different from the system with which Buddhism had contended. It is now known as "Modern Hinduism." In *Homiletic Review*, Jan. '97, is an interesting article on Hinduism as it now is.

In our next article we will give a study of the third of the religions which have had their origin in India—Mohammedanism or Islamism.

1. India seemed impregnable to the Gospel because:

(a) Its great population who were entirely hostile to the Gospel.

(b) It had two great religions, Brahminism and Mohammedanism.

(c) Caste System.

(d) East India Company.

2. India has been opened to the Gospel.

(a) History of East India Company and how God used it for the achievement of his purposes; how that behind man's selfish schemes, back of avarice and ambition of unprincipled Englishmen lay a divine purpose.

(b) Displacement of Catholic powers as represented in the Portugese who had exclusive privilege of commerce with India in 1581, by

(c) The dominant Protestant nation of the world, which all unconsciously and thro the sordid instruments of a trading monopoly that hated missionaries was laying the foundation of a Christian empire in the Indies.

3. The hostility of British power in India to missions up until 1858.

4. New Charter. Influence of Wilberforce.

5. Influence of Sepoy rebellion.

6. Quotation from Secretary of State 1873.

Result of this:

1. The European Power dominant in the heart of Asia was to be Protestant not Catholic.

2. Two hundred and fifty millions of people made accessible to the Gospel: Five times population of U. S.

3. The door is open to the Golden Indies and no such opportunity has ever been offered.

State of India now:

1. Under one head, controlled by a Protestant Queen.

2. Civil and religious rights assured to Missionary and convert.

3. Postal facilities, rapid transportation, telegraphic communications.

4. 60,000 schools, 100 colleges, papers, books, magazines.

5. English tongue widely diffused.—Cook and Seelye.

"If India be the Gibraltar of heathendom, taken for Christ it becomes like a Gibraltar, a controlling fortress guarding the very highway to other oriental Empires."

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

We have the promise of an excellent article on mission work from Brother Cassell for the March number. Look out for it.

We feel very grateful to the S. S. C. E. convention of Meyersdale for the interest they manifest for the work of the King's Children Society, and most heartily endorse their recommendation, i. e. that "we encourage the organization of the King's Children Society in all our churches," etc., but why limit the time that this extraordinary recommendation should be in effect? Now as a matter of fact, dear sister, it is not more organization nor reorganization that we want, but it is downright Holy Ghost workers, and you cannot reorganize that into existence. The world is full of reorganizers, and organizers and still it is not saved. The church has suffered in a measure from this extraordinary zeal of the fatal reorganizationist. He is a queer species; he never gets any nearer the ideal perfection than when he started, and when he does sometimes get the thing pretty much in harmony with his own excellent "*ipse dixit*," he finds, Lo, that other people think differently, and this is sometimes an important factor in the road to any worthy success. My creed, and the basis of all my endeavor, is simply Jesus. My motive power is the Holy Ghost. Come; I never expect to find anything that is the Lord's work, that will exactly meet the approbation of the millions of minds that will have things different. But

I shall set my mark no lower than to be a King's child. And with the help of the Lord, we will fight along this line. The King's Children Society has achieved a grand success; God has blessed us, and we have not spent nearly so much money in sending out organizers, as some who have attained no greater success. Our sessions in all our conventions have always been greatly blessed, and I do not think that any one has felt in the least hampered, or that their liberties have been restrained.

We will be very busy this year with the Lord's work, which He has, largely thro the King's Children Society, and other societies of young people, set on foot, and will not have time, even if we had the disposition—and we have not—to recommend remedies of the defects that may exist in some other committees, or societies work, nor can we find time to take up the work that has been assigned to other boards of management. In fact we are well satisfied that the managers of the different departments of auxiliary work, are all doing their best, and we will wish them God speed, and give them all the help that we can. And when we all meet in our next general conference, we are satisfied that every committee will have arranged to do all in its power to make that great meeting a success and we will not ask the various boards of directors to spend a year to tear down what they through much labor, and prayers have, with the blessing of God, been able to build up. Neither in deed will the national board of King's Children spend the time from now till the next general conference asking experimenters to help bring about a general smash-up of one of the most successful auxiliaries of the Church, and one that has never needed to canvas the brotherhood to get money to keep its head above financial disaster. No; we are going to work all year to make all the work of the Church a great success, and when the proper time comes the King's Children board will announce the best program for our session of the conference that we have ever had, and will do everything in our power, and with all the power God gives us to give the general mission work the biggest boom that it has ever had. Work, work: is the foundation that the Lord has laid. The stone that was cut out of the mountain; the sure foundation. The Holy Spirit is the grand architect, and with Him we build. Human experiments are sand. Don't build on them.

J. O. TALLEY.

Since we must all take time to die, why should we not take time to live—to live in the large sense of a life begun here for eternity.